

The Learning Times

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From the President

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, July 21, 2021

1:00 p.m. - Check-in &
Exhibits

1:30 p.m. – Business
Meeting

Refreshments following the
meeting

St. Martins
Knights of Columbus Hall
Highway 50 W – Rt. T

Pre-registration
deadline:
July 14, 2021

Greetings!

A lot has happened since the last newsletter. LIR has had several in-person classes that have had near to normal attendance; the clubs are slowly emerging again out of the pandemic, and travel is making plans for the late summer and fall. Yay! More and more folks are getting vaccinated and that means we all feel more secure gathering together in person. And the CDC is lifting several of its guidelines for what it considers safe for gathering.

With all of this in mind – I am pleased to announce we will be having our summer general membership meeting at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Martins on Wednesday, July 21st. The doors will open at 1:00 p.m., and we will have time to socialize, sign-up for classes, trips, and clubs.

Cheri and Marla will have a table for folks to sign-up for membership renewal or for first-time joining. Remember the cost is only \$20.00 for the remainder of this year.

We will have something new as well, as our new Lincoln U Coordinator, Nicholas Jackson, will have a table for folks to sign up to audit Lincoln U courses for the fall. He will explain the process at his table, and when you will know for certain the class has space for a few auditing students from LIR. If the class you might be interested in does not fill with full-time students, you will have the opportunity to take the class for audit.

We will have a business meeting around 1:30 p.m. to hear the nominating committee's slate of board nominees for the next year and vote to accept or reject the nominees!

The membership and hospitality committees will arrange for us to have dessert and coffee, tea, punch, or water. There will not be a regular meal this time, but by next summer, we hope to resume the full luncheon menu! There will be a \$5.00 registration fee that can be paid as you send in your reservation for the meeting.

We also will have introductions of the LIR Board, committee members, distinguished guests, and the recipients of the LIR/Dr. Gary K. Scott Scholarship and the ROTC Scholarship.

We will conclude the meeting with a raffle for free classes.

Plan now to attend the general membership meeting on July 21st. We will have a great time being together again!

Respectfully submitted,
Stephen Buchholz, President

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Summer Membership Meeting

July 21, 2021

The Summer Membership Meeting will be held July 21, 2021, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in St. Martins on Rt. T. Check-in will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the business meeting at 1:30 p.m. Pie and coffee, tea or punch will be served following the meeting. Free LIR course certificates will be given as door prizes.

The exhibit area, featuring travel, curriculum, and clubs, along with their representatives, will be available for visiting following check-in. This is an opportunity to get answers to any questions. Parking permits for Soldiers Hall will be available for \$10.

Pre-registration (form enclosed) is required for this event along with the prepaid pie and beverage cost of \$5 for members and non-members. Those requiring a gluten-free alternative must request it on the enclosed pre-registration form; it will be reserved for that member only.

Call 573-681-6152 if you have questions concerning the meeting or registration. The final date for registration is July 14, 2021.

Watch your mail for information regarding the December Holiday Social.

Kay Martellaro,
Membership and Marketing Chair

LU/LIR Parking Permits

Lincoln University parking permits for LIR members will be available for purchase at the Summer Membership Meeting on July 21st or during regular hours at the LIR Office. Parking permits are good only for parking on the Soldiers Hall lot. Permits are valid from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022.

To obtain the permit, you need the following information: vehicle make, model, color, license plate number, and your drivers' license number. Cost of the permit is \$10.

Board of Directors - 2021

Elected Members

Steve Buchholz, President
Rita Grace, Vice-President
Inge Gauck, Secretary
Terry Rackers, Treasurer
Barbara Barnard (Clubs Chair)
Lela Bunch
Kay Freidinger
Bill Gerling
Marge Kudrna
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Kay Martellaro, Membership & Marketing Chair
Kathel Cooper, Historian
Barbara Maxwell, Newsletter Editor
Wendy Hansen, Travel Chair
Tom Piper, Web Administrator
Nicholas Jackson, Lincoln University Liaison

Outgoing Board Members

The terms of four LIR Board members will expire on December 31, 2021. We would like to thank each of these members for their service to our organization over the past several years: Barb Barnard, Marge Kudrna, Cathie Middleton and Don Neumann.

Election of Board of Directors

The Nominating Committee would like to recommend the following slate of candidates to serve on the LIR Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2022, and ending December 31, 2024. They are Barb Maxwell, Cindy Stephens, Lorraine Brooks and Sheila Scott.

Barb Maxwell holds a bachelor's degree in English Education from Lincoln University and a Master's in Journalism from the University of Missouri. Her extensive teaching career began at Osage R-1 High School teaching English classes, and she returned 36 years

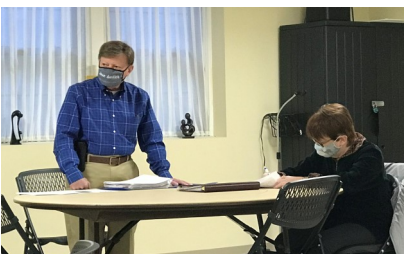
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later to teach college prep for CMSU. She also taught at Helias High School, Lincoln University, and Linn Tech (now State Tech). Additionally, she worked 10 years for the Missouri Senate Communications Office, where her duties included producing speeches, newsletters, and other PR for all 34 senators. She has two sons and a daughter, eight grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, and a great-grandson.

Cindy Stephens is a retired Registered Nurse who spent most of her 48-year career educating student nurses. She is married to Bill Stephens, and they have four children and eight grandchildren. Cindy loves to travel, attend cultural events, and read for enjoyment. She can do all of those activities with LIR and participates as often as possible along with serving on the travel committee.

Lorraine Resz Brooks, a native of New Jersey, moved to Jefferson City in 1968. Lori holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's in Social Work and Public Administration. Lori worked for the Department of Social Services for 39 years, and at retirement, she held the position of Department Research Manager. Bocce ball and travel opportunities drew Lori to LIR. She and her husband are world travelers having visited 45 states, the District of Columbia, six Canadian provinces, and 26 other countries.

Sheila Larkin Scott grew up in southwest Missouri and attended Southwest Missouri State University (now Missouri State University). She obtained her master's in public administration from the University of Missouri. She worked in the child welfare field for the Division of Family Services/Department of Social Services for 26 years, both in the field and in administration. At the time of her retirement in 1996, she supervised the unit dealing with child abuse investigations and protective services. She and her husband, Gary, spent many years traveling the world. Travel, gardening, reading, and spending time with family and friends keep her busy, as well as church activities and serving on Habitat for Humanity's Family Selection Committee.



President Steve Buchholz conducts a board meeting while LIR secretary Inge Gauck takes notes.

Jackson Named New LIR Liaison

Nicholas Jackson is the Coordinator of Extended Studies and the Liaison for Learning in Retirement. He has been with Lincoln University for four years. He has a bachelor's degree in computer science and education and is currently working towards a Master's in Higher Education.

Jackson is committed to growing the Learning in Retirement program alongside the LIR Board.

For those Learning in Retirement members who would like to audit courses, Mr. Jackson said he will also serve as the advisor for all auditors. Jackson is always open for conversations with all members.

LIR Scholarships Awarded

Two Lincoln University students are recipients of LIR academic scholarships for 2021. The ROTC scholarship will be awarded to Cadet Christiaunna Kelley. The LIR/Dr. Gary K. Scott Academic Scholarship will be awarded to Chelsea Robinson.

Cadet Christiaunna Kelley, a Business Administration major with a minor in Military Science, is from Memphis, Tennessee. Cadet Kelley is the 2021-2022 Miss ROTC, the Cadet Executive Officer in the ROTC program, and a member of the Lincoln University Cheer Team. Cadet Kelley joined the Missouri Army National Guard in July of 2019. Back home, she spends her time volunteering at high school JROTC programs teaching high school cadets the basics of the Army based on her knowledge. She will attend CST and CTLT this summer for ROTC. Upon graduation, she plans to receive a commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army, serving on active duty, branch detail Armor then move on to AG.

Chelsea Robinson, a sophomore from Jefferson City, Missouri, will receive the LIR/Dr. Gary K. Scott Scholarship. She is majoring in Business Administration. Chelsea currently works at the Lincoln University Bookstore and Lincoln University Career Services. She made the Dean's List for the Fall 2020 semester, joined the Campus Activity Board as an Intern, received an invitation to join the Honors Program and is in the process of developing a women's resource group for younger and older ladies on campus. Currently, Chelsea has a 3.5 GPA and is striving to maintain that average or higher and remain on the Dean's List.

TRAVEL TIP REMINDERS

Health & Safety

- * COVID precautions will follow LIR guidelines, which at this time include wearing masks at all indoor activities, a temperature check (not over 100 degrees) at outset of trip, use of sanitizer, and social distancing when possible. Coach trips will be limited to 40 people. Should the LIR Board change these guidelines, you'll be notified when we send out the reminder letter.
- * If someone on a trip later tests positive for the virus, you will be contacted as soon as possible.
- * Travelers should carry medication lists with them **AT ALL TIMES**. Your name badge is a handy storage place. **AND**, don't forget all your medications.
- * LIR travel requires walking and the physical capability to tour the site. If you have concerns regarding the described activities, please call an escort to discuss the degree of difficulty of the trip's venues.
- * Comfort stops are planned for the comfort and well-being of travelers when travel time is between 2 and 2-1/2 hours. Passengers are encouraged to leave the coach for a short walk for their health.
- * Water is provided for travelers on all trips.
- * Travelers with special dietary needs should contact **an escort PRIOR to the trip** to express their required dietary accommodations.

Registration

- * The two \$5 trips this session are to be paid on day of trip. No payment due with registration.
- * Submit separate checks for each trip (if possible). Couples may combine payments on one check.
- * Checks for multiple trips will be deposited even when placed on a wait list for some trips. Refunds will be made after the date of the trip.
- * When registering with a friend for trips, you are strongly encouraged to mail or drop off registrations together as registrations are recorded as received.
- * Refunds for trip cancellations depend on the ability to fill the vacancy and/or the recovery of expenses already paid.
- * **NO** deposit is necessary to be placed on a wait list.
- * Registrants for a trip are automatically added to a wait list if the maximum number of travelers has already been confirmed.

General

- * **LIR coach trips depart from and return to Walmart Super Center, 724 W. Stadium Blvd. (near the Central Bank ATM). Coaches most often arrive 30 minutes prior to departure time.**
- * LIR trips visit both public and government sponsored sites. It is the responsibility of the traveler to follow the guidelines as dictated by the venues visited.
- * Tips are included in the cost of the trip for the coach driver, all included meals, step-on guides, and donations to charitable venues.
- * **Please wear your name badge—it's been awhile since we've been together!**

TRIPS: AUGUST — DECEMBER 2021

HEMP: Missouri's Newest Old Crop

George Washington Carver Research Farm
Lincoln University
Wednesday, August 4

Spend an afternoon with us at Lincoln University's George Washington Carver (GWC) Research Farm to learn how Lincoln University (LU) has begun studies around hemp growth and cultivation in the last year or so, when the Missouri Department of Agriculture began accepting applications for its Industrial Hemp Program.

We will drive ourselves to the Research Farm at 3804 Bald Hill Road in Jefferson City where we'll be welcomed by the Director of Extension. Then, David Middleton, Outreach Coordinator for the LU Hemp Institute, will share Hemp's history and give us an overview of the Hemp program at Lincoln. After a short restroom break, we'll hop on a hay wagon (or you can drive if you prefer) to where the Hemp plots are. The Director of LU's Hemp Institute will be on hand to fill us in on this intriguing project.

Hemp has been around for a long time but is now seeing a revival in popularity due to a series of legislative actions, both national and state, in the last few years. First planted in Missouri in 1835, industrial hemp spread across the state, becoming the star of farms, ports, factories, and warehouses along the Missouri River. We were second only to Kentucky in hemp production nationwide. At the time, hemp was commonly grown for fiber to make items like rope and bagging for bundled cotton bales. In 1937, Congress passed the Marijuana Tax Act, which regulated cannabis, including hemp, and lessened the crop's economic viability.

We will have plenty of bottled water available and provide a snack. As we'll be outside for part of the time, dress appropriately for the weather (it will be August!) and wear comfy shoes. Directions to the farm will be included in our reminder letter three to four weeks ahead of the event. Hint: It is only a ten-minute drive from East End Gerbes!

Arrive at Lincoln's GWC Research Farm to get signed in and pay
12:30-1 p.m.
Start time for program 1:00 p.m.
Finish Time at Lincoln's GWC Research Farm 4:00 p.m.
(approximately)

Escorts: Wendy Hansen 573-645-2031
Carol Bowdoin 706-338-5726

Cost: \$5 due at the event

Missouri Military History: 1808 to Present

Museum of Military History
Missouri National Guard's Ike Skelton Training Center
Thursday, August 12

If you like history or want to know more about Missouri history in particular, this visit to the Missouri National Guard Military Museum is a must.

Upon arriving at the museum, we will be treated to a guided tour, which tells the story of the Missouri military since its beginning in 1808. This story is told through artifacts such as uniforms, diaries, a Willys Jeep, planes, and much, much more. You'll learn about the soldiers from our state who served in wars and crises beginning with the Revolutionary War and continuing to the Covid-19 issues of today.

We will have one group of 20 for the morning and another group of 20 for the afternoon—you will choose one.

Included with this trip is a visit to a local park pavilion and a delicious catered lunch that the two groups will enjoy together.

Please Note:

You will be driving yourself to the venues.
You must show your photo ID at the gate to the military museum.

Per LIR guidelines, a temperature check will be taken before entering, and masks are required inside the museum.

Times: 10:00 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. **OR**
12:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Escorts: Cindy Stephens 573-280-0336
Marge Kudrna 573-694-8550

Cost: \$20 Total due with registration



BASEBALL IS BACK!

Springfield Cardinals Minor League Baseball Sunday, August 22

Last year our August trip to see the Springfield Cardinals was "Covid-out," so we're going to try again. Tickets were just released on May 25th and here are the details!

The Cardinals are scheduled to play the Wichita Wind Surge (WHERE do they come up with these names?) at 5:05 p.m. We will be in the Champions Club with inside (air conditioned) and outside seating, snack/lunch buffet with beverages (coke products).

We had a fantastic time in 2016 (the last time we went) and hope to duplicate it this year! After the game, we will board our coach for a return to Jefferson City (with the possibility of an ice cream stop on the way home).

Departure time: 1:00 p.m.
Return: 11:00 p.m.

Escorts: Vicki Ford 573-694-0014
Ed Zagorac 573-230-4840

Cost: \$90 Total due with registration



SINGIN' IN THE RAIN Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre Thursday, September 9

Join us as we journey to the Arrow Rock Lyceum Theatre and back in time to see the classic musical "Singin' in the Rain!" Tap your toes and sing along with the splashy adaptation of the beloved film, which has been named the "Greatest Musical of All Time." Each unforgettable scene, song, and dance from the movie has been accounted for, complete with an onstage rain-storm. The hit-parade score of Hollywood standards make this the perfect entertainment for any fan of the golden age of movie musicals.

After the performance, we will complete our visit to Arrow Rock with an early dinner at the newly renovated J Huston Tavern. The restaurant was established in 1834 by Judge Joseph Huston. The tavern provided food and accommodations for those who came to Arrow Rock on river boats, or who were headed west on the Santa Fe Trail. We will have our choice of fried chicken or brisket at our sit-down meal.

Depart: 11:45 a.m.
Return: 7:45 p.m.

Escorts: Vicki Ford 573-694-0014
Kristin Eddy 573-217-9365

Cost: \$90 Total due with registration

Nature's Fall Splendor

Prairie Garden Trust
Callaway County

Wednesday, September 22/Thursday, September 23

This trip is a repeat of the June trip to Prairie Garden Trust (PGT), but this time, we'll see fall colors beginning in the leaves and grasses of the prairie along with flowers such as fall asters providing even more color to the landscape.

Prairie Garden Trust is a gem of a place where you will experience an amazing native grass prairie as well as ponds and wooded areas. Since 1986, over 50 types of native grasses and flowers have been planted to turn a field into a prairie. Part of PGT's mission is to enhance this natural area for the public to experience what it could have been like 200 years ago.

You'll find this lush park area about 17 miles from Jefferson City with two paved trails, each approximately one-half mile in length, and a longer unpaved, but marked, trail with two benches at overlooks along the way to a creek. The paved trails lead to the lotus ponds.

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You will choose your day of exploration and indicate your choice on the Travel Registration Form. After you drive yourself to this beautiful area in Callaway County, you will be joined by a PGT Board member for a guided walk on paved trails to learn about the history of PGT and about the native flowers and plants that grow in abundance. After the guided walk, we will enjoy refreshments and conversation, or you may continue your discovery of the gardens. Bring your own chair for sitting under the shade trees. Directions to the area will be sent with follow-up letters to those registering. Cost includes a donation to PGT as well as water and a packaged snack.

Start Time at Prairie Garden Trust: 9:00 a.m.
 Finish Time at Prairie Garden Trust: 11:30 a.m.

Escorts: Cindy Stephens 573-280-0336
 Wendy Hansen 573-645-2031

Cost: \$5 due at the event

Washington: Small Town Missouri

[This trip was originally planned for July 2020]
 Tuesday, September 28

The German populace, for which Washington is known, began with the arrival of 12 Catholic families in the fall of 1833. This group and later other German immigrants wrote glowing reviews of the lush, green, rolling hills and the river valley that reminded them of their homeland. The Missouri River offered a natural landing, thus making it an ideal place for a settlement. In May 1839, 50 acres of this area was officially established as the City of Washington.

Our step-on guide, Emily, will tell us about many of Washington's historic structures that still remain today. We will make stops at the Gary Lucy Gallery, the Missouri Meerschaum Corn Cob Pipe Factory Museum, the Iron Spike Model Train Museum, and the Historical Society Museum. In addition, our guide will explain the unique features of St. Francis Borgia Church (However, we will not be able to enter the Church, as the parish is holding Adoration at this time).

Lunch (included in the registration fee) will be at the local Sugarcane Smokehouse, well known for their delicious BBQ, including the trimmings. Time has been allowed for shopping in the historic downtown area—which includes the Main Street Creamery (great ice cream treats)!

Depart: 7:45 a.m.
 Return: 7:00 p.m.

Escorts: Randy Ford 573-694-0084
 Carole Spencer 573-694-5776

Cost: \$55 Total due with registration



The haunted Lemp Mansion in St. Louis

Haunted St. Louis Tour

Tuesday, October 5

Get ready for Halloween and be prepared to be scared on this Haunted St. Louis tour. We will leave the Jefferson City Walmart parking lot on Stadium at 7 a.m. with a comfort stop in Warrenton and then head for St. Louis.

Our tour will start when we pick up a step-on guide who will lead us on a driving tour through the Bellefontaine Cemetery. With over 160 years of history, beautiful Bellefontaine Cemetery is both a local landmark and a tranquil final resting place established in 1849. Bellefontaine Cemetery played an important role in the early growth of St. Louis and is the final resting place of many historical figures.

After we depart Bellefontaine Cemetery, we will head for Lemp Mansion where we will have lunch, which includes a house salad, chicken piccata, a vegetable and a potato, rolls and butter, a non-alcoholic drink, and dessert. Lunch is included in your registration fee.

After lunch, we will go on a guided history and ghost tour of the mansion with tales of the supposed haunting facts of the Lemp family and their brewing empire. (Please note, there are two sets of staircases to navigate on this part of the tour.)

Next, we will take a short driving tour of the Lafayette Square historic neighborhood. Once we drop off our step-on guide, we will head to Olive Garden in Wentzville where you can have a salad, snack, or dinner on your own. We will then head home and should arrive back at the Walmart parking lot by 7:30 p.m.

Depart: 7:00 a.m.
 Return: 7:30 p.m.

Escorts: Julie Cook 573-230-4914
 Lee Bunch 573-797-3271

Cost: \$105 Total due with registration

A Leisurely Day In Small Town New Haven

Thursday, October 21

Please join us for a leisurely day in a small town. New Haven, with a population of a little over 2,000, has some surprises in store for us. All of the venues we will visit are family-owned and operated or run by local organizations. New Haven is located on the Missouri River and was a steamboat stop in the early days, as well as being the home of John Colter, the “mountain man” of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

We depart from the Walmart parking lot on Stadium Boulevard at 8:00 a.m., arriving at the New Haven Preservation Museum at approximately 9:30 a.m. The museum is located in the Old New Haven School, which was built in 1883 and remained in operation for more than 100 years. We will split into two groups and take turns visiting the museum and viewing a film about New Haven’s history.

Following our museum visit, we will board the coach for a tour of the Assumption Catholic Church to hear its history and view its beautiful stained-glass windows. After the tour, we will board the coach for lunch at T and T Café. Lunch is included in your registration fee.

On the coach again, we will head to Seek Coffee Company, a family-owned coffee shop and roastery. We will do a coffee tasting and learn about the various coffee origins and roasts.

Once again, we will board the coach for a five-minute ride to downtown New Haven. The venues are small, so we will split into three rotating groups to visit the following venues:

- * The John Colter Museum is a small museum featuring Colter’s experiences with the Lewis and Clark Expedition, Native American Artifacts, and Missouri River History.
- * The Astral Glass Company artisans will demonstrate the glass-blowing process. They specialize in hand-blown art glass and have a lovely shop displaying many of their items.
- * Several shops on Front Street will be open for your shopping pleasure, or you can walk on the levee and watch the river go by. Some benches are available as is a small, covered pavilion with picnic tables if you prefer to take a break.

Finally, we board the coach for Robbler Winery where we will learn about the grapes grown onsite and taste some of their delicious wine while enjoying the beautiful view of the rolling hills and the vineyard. At 4:30 p.m., we will board the coach for the ride home, arriving at the Walmart parking lot at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Note: Several venues are not ADA compliant but have locations to relax while waiting to rejoin the group.

Depart: 8:00 a.m.
Return: 6:00 p.m.

Escorts: Kay Martellaro 573-680-6058
Kay Freidinger 573-645-3116

Cost: \$65 Total due with registration

Missouri Rhineland Stained Glass

Hermann and Vicinity
Tuesday, November 9

Missouri abounds with churches that beautifully display the word of God and the teachings of Christ through the art of stained glass. Join us as we tour regional churches with Ken Luebbering and Robyn Burnett, co-authors of *Gospels in Glass: Stained Glass Windows in Missouri Churches*. In addition to having the benefit of their stained glass expertise, trip participants will receive a copy of their book.

Our coach will depart at 8:45 a.m. arriving at our first destination, Church of the Risen Savior in Rhineland, at 9:45 a.m. The coach will be located near the Central Bank ATM on the north side of the Walmart parking lot at 724 Stadium Blvd.

Traveling by coach will allow trip participants to relax and enjoy some of the beautiful scenery in Missouri’s Rhineland area as we head toward each destination. We will be visiting four churches in the Missouri River Valley west of St. Louis heavily settled by immigrants from German-speaking regions in Europe during the 19th century. The three Catholic churches we will visit: Church of the Risen Savior, Rhineland; St. George, Hermann; and the Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows, Starkenburg, all have windows created by the Emil Frei Studios in St. Louis in the first quarter of the 20th century. The Frei Studio has been the preeminent stained glass company in Missouri since the late 1800s. The windows in these churches were designed in what is called the Munich style. The windows in St. Paul’s United Church of Christ, Hermann, are also from the same time period but are not Frei windows; they provide an interesting contrast of styles. The four churches contain a diverse range of subjects depicted in glass that will allow us to consider both this beautiful artistic medium as well as the religious functions and the ethnic influences seen in these windows.

While in Hermann, we will lunch (included in your registration fee) at the Tin Mill Restaurant and Brewery, established in 2004. Diners will have the opportunity to enjoy the quaint charm and architecture of the restaurant while feasting from a variety of delicious menu items. After being confirmed on the trip, you will make a selection from the options offered. Since a generous amount of time has been allotted for lunch, some diners may decide to take the opportunity after eating to tour the brewery or browse in some of the nearby shops found along Hermann’s picturesque streets.

Depart: 8:45 a.m.
Return: 5:00 p.m.

Escorts: Wendy Hansen 573-645-2031
Kristin Eddy 571-217-9365
Kay Freidinger 573-645-3116

Cost: \$70 Total due with registration



“A Christmas Story, the Musical”
Capital City Productions Theatre
Jefferson City
Saturday, December 11

We hope you will join your LIR friends for an afternoon of a fun holiday performance, good food and comradery.

Capital City Productions (CCP) is excited to bring you the musical adaptation of the holiday classic, “A Christmas Story.” Set in the 1940s in the fictional town of Hohman, Indiana, the musical follows 9-year-old Ralphie Parker and his quest for the Holy Grail of Christmas gifts—an Official Red Ryder carbine-action 200-shot Range Model air rifle. Rebuffed at every turn with a similar echoing response, Ralphie plots numerous schemes to achieve his desperate desire for the coveted BB gun. All of the iconic scenes from the movie are here.

“A Christmas Story, The Musical” will bring an exciting new dimension to those who have seen the movie and will certainly stand on its own for those who have not. Prior to the performance, you will be treated to CCP’s Classic Holiday Dinner Buffet.

Transportation is on your own. Remember to go to **719 Wicker Lane in Jefferson City**, CCP’s new home.

Note: Our tables are reserved, AND no one is allowed entrance before doors open, so no need to arrive early.

Time: 11:30 a.m. Doors open
12:00 noon Buffet served
1:00 p.m. Show starts

Escorts: Carol Bowdoin 706-338-5726
Kay Martellaro 573-680-6058

Cost: \$40 Total due with registration

MISCELLANEOUS COURSE INFORMATION

Registration forms are provided in the LIR newsletter or on the LIR web site. Each course is \$12 unless otherwise noted. Most courses have four two-hour class sessions.

A few two-hour free courses are also offered, but registration is required for these as well, so that adequate seating is available and presenters know how many handouts or other course materials are needed.

Registration should be mailed to the LIR office.

- * Location of courses varies, depending on the topic and class size. Specific locations for each class are named in this newsletter **or** will be announced in the notification letter. Location changes will also be indicated in the notification letter. Cancellations and other changes can also be found on the LIR website: <https://lincolnu.edu/web/learning-in-retirement> on the Announcement tab and the Calendar tab.
- * Your reminder notification will be **emailed** unless circumstances require USPS mailing.
- * Please contact the course coordinator or LIR office if you cannot attend **any** session — Free or paid.

If you must cancel a course for which you have enrolled, the registration fee may be refunded if the LIR office (681-6152) receives notice one week prior to the start date of the first class. Refunds are processed after the course is completed and will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the curriculum chair and the office manager.

After the deadline, should an emergency occur that prevents you from attending the course, the LIR office should be notified as soon as possible.

COVID-19 Adjustments for Courses

We want you to feel safe while attending our courses. The LIR Board has instructed that masks will be required at all LIR activities. We will also monitor the temperature of each attendee. Some venues may require a signed waiver.

We will also follow any social distancing guidelines that are in effect. Because of this, class sizes will be limited based on the guidelines of the venue. **It is more important than ever to inform the LIR office or a course coordinator if you are unable to attend.** We will then be better able to accommodate members who are on a Wait List.

Your board continues to monitor these guidelines that were implemented for your health and safety. If any changes to the above policies are made, you will be notified in your Notification Letter.

Help Needed

The Curriculum Committee will be in need of a new chairperson as of January 1, 2022. Please call Scott Sellner (635-6980 or 573-291-5226) for more information or to volunteer for this position.

Courses August through November 2021

PAID FOUR-WEEK COURSES

MOVIES: STARRING SIDNEY POITIER

Time: 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Dates: Wednesdays, August 4, 11, 18 and 25

Place: MRRL, 214 Adams Street 2nd floor

August 4: *Lilies of the Field* is a 1963 American film. It tells the story of an itinerant worker who encounters a group of East German nuns, who believe he has been sent to them by God to build them a new chapel.

August 11: *To Sir, with Love* is a 1967 British drama film that deals with social and racial issues in an inner-city school. Engineer Mark Thackeray arrives to teach a totally undisciplined class at an East End school. Still hoping for a good engineering job, he's hopeful that he won't be there long. He starts implementing his own brand of classroom discipline: forcing the pupils to treat each other with respect. Inevitably, he begins getting involved in the students' personal lives and must avoid the advances of an amorous student while winning over the class tough. What will he decide when the engineering job comes through?

August 18: *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* is a 1967 American comedy-drama film. A couple's attitudes are challenged when their daughter introduces her Afro-American fiancé. After a vacation in Hawaii, Joanna "Joey" Drayton returns to her parents' home in San Francisco bringing her fiancé, the highly-qualified Dr. John Prentice, to introduce him to her parents.

August 25: *In the Heat of the Night* is 1967 American mystery/drama film. It tells the story of Virgil Tibbs, a black police detective from Philadelphia, who becomes involved in a murder investigation in a small town in Mississippi. Tibbs' life is clearly in danger, but he perseveres in a highly charged and racially explosive environment until the killer is found.

Coordinators: Karen Sander, 635-0693 or 573-680-9045
Lai Lin Wilson, 690-7874



TECHNOLOGY SERVING SENIORS

Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Dates: Tuesdays, August 10, 17, 24, and 31

Place: Clydesdale Room, NH Scheppers, 2300 St. Mary's Blvd.

Seniors are quickly adopting technology, especially to maintain health and welfare. Tools like smart phones, social media, and home automation help us stay connected, remain independent, and be safe.

Social media networks are becoming the antidote for the loneliness and isolation epidemic that is occurring in the senior population. Recent research has found that adults age 65+ are the fastest growing demographic on Facebook, often to communicate, engage, and connect with their families and friends.

This course is an opportunity to learn more about popular communication devices, internet website information, and technology in homes. Each session will start with a one-hour presentation, followed by an hour of problem-solving questions and answers.

Session 1: Communication: iPhones/iPads & Android phones/tablets

Session 2: Social Media Problems: Twitter/LinkedIn/Facebook & Email/Telephone Spam

Session 3: Social Media Opportunities: Family/Friend & Community/Business Connections

Session 4: Smart Home Automation: Lights/Sound & Video/Appliances

Presenters: Tom Piper plus special guests (high probability of Best Buy Geek Squad)

Coordinators: Tom Piper, 573-230-5350
Eunice Straub, 573-636-7195

Courses August through November 2021

“SHOW ME” WOMEN

Time: 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Date: Wednesdays, September 8, 15, 22 and 29
Place: TBA

Sharon Kinney Hanson, president of the Missouri Writers Guild, newsletter editor, and a ghost writer, will honor us with four weeks of exciting stories about women of the 19th and 20th centuries from Missouri (the “Show Me” state) who have made historic reforms that benefit us today.

These women have struggled for universal rights, and in their struggles, have achieved the goal of teaching what good citizenship is to American democracy. You won’t want to miss hearing about these women who have made a difference.

Presenter: Sharon Kinney Hanson

Coordinator: Mentha Bolton-Bakari , 414-736-4555
Co-coordinator: Jenny Smith, 573-230-8245

FAMILY -- VITAL TO US AND SOCIETY

Time: 10:00 a.m. to noon
Date: Thursdays, September 9, 16, 23, and 30
Place: TBA

In 2020, Betty Cooper’s book—*Families: Vital to Us and Society*—was published. Parts of the book will be used in each session.

Session I: Storytelling, our oldest form of learning, a purposeful activity that connects us in unity; we reflect and process past experiences, sensing the vital nature of families.

Session II: Partners in creating healthy families requires integrating essential processes.

Session III: Sharing passionate concerns, demonstrating that families are vital to society.

Session IV: Elderhood, a period of mentorship, as vital knowledge has been acquired that needs to be known and experienced by younger societal members.

Presenter: Betty Cooper, PhD.

Class Size Limit: 20

Coordinator: Scott Sellner, 291-5226

THE SUN AND ME

Time: 10 a.m. to noon
Dates: Wednesdays, October 6, 13, 20 and 27
Place: TBD

The Sun dominates the sky, the earth, and everything thereon. How does it affect us, this pivotal orb we cannot ignore? Let us examine this phenomenon---the SUN.

October 6: The place of the SUN in our universe and its effects on us; Worship of the SUN: who, where, why and how

October 13: Effect of the SUN on our environment, our plants, our air, and the lack thereof; Effect of the SUN on our minds and our emotions: and the lack thereof

October 20: Effect of the SUN on our eyes and how to use but protect them; Effect of the SUN on our skin and how to use but protect it

October 27: Solar Energy: Its uses, its problems, its worth

Presenters include: Christine Boston, Ph.D., Professor Nadia Navarrete-Tindall of Lincoln University; Laurel Kramer, Ph.D.; Andrew Weiss, MD; John DeSpain, MD; Rich Eisterhold of Three Rivers Electric Cooperative; and Chuck Lahmeyer of LIR.

Coordinators: Carol Ellinger, 893-2331
Mentha Bolton-Bakari, 414-736-4555

JEFFERSON CITY AREA ADAPTS TO THE PANDEMIC

Time: 1:30 —3:30 p.m.
Dates: Wednesdays, Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, and 17
Place: TBD

Our world has been turned upside down by the COVID-19 Pandemic this year. What changes did businesses, government, health agencies, education, churches, and entertainment venues have to make to adapt to this dreaded disease? What lessons were learned from these experiences? What changes have been made this fall compared to the spring of 2021?

Presenters will be from the following: Churches, schools, county government and agencies, nursing homes, live theater, state government, real estate, and restaurants.

Each will explain adaptations and lessons learned.

Coordinators: Chris Straub, 636-7195
Bill Gerling, 220-4319

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FREE COURSES

MISSOURI HISTORY TALES: STEAMBOAT DISASTERS AND NOTORIOUS MURDERS

Time: 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, September 14
Place: TBA

Steamboat Disasters of the Lower Missouri River

During the nineteenth century, more than 300 boats met their end in the steamboat graveyard that was the Lower Missouri River – from Omaha to its mouth.

Steamboats were technological marvels superbly adapted to the river's conditions, but these same characteristics made them susceptible to fires, explosions, and snags. And the river held other dangers – disease, crime, and guerrilla attack. This is the story of the perils that steamboats, their passengers and crews faced on every voyage.

Notorious Missouri – 200 years of Notorious Crimes

From the duel between future Senator Thomas Hart Benton and Charles Lucas on Bloody Island through the “Missouri Miracle” of the kidnapping and recovery of Shawn Hornbeck, Missouri has seen its share of notorious crimes. This talk will explore crimes, criminals, and victims from the violent history of the last two hundred years in the Show-Me State.

Presenters: Authors James Erwin and Vicki Berger Erwin will discuss the subjects of two of their published books.

Coordinator: Jenny Smith, 573-230-8245

MISSOURI AUTHORS & MORE

Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Date: Monday, September 27
Place: TBA

As Missouri continues to celebrate its 200 years of statehood, our Learning In Retirement Book Club will present a class to highlight a variety of Missouri authors, both familiar and unfamiliar. Do you recognize the names of Ross Malone, Paul E. Wooten, T S Elliot, and Margaret Truman, just to name a few?

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In addition, we will be exploring books that are set in Missouri or about Missouri. Our material will range from children's books to cookbooks to classic literature. There will be books for attendees to browse through as well.

Come join us as we take a trip down Missouri's very own literary trail.

Presenters: Members of the LIR Book Club

Coordinators: Pamela Kormann, 680-0106
Becky Buchholz, 690-6579

COUNTRY MUSIC

Time: 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.
Date: Friday, October 8
Place: TBA

In 1970, President Richard Nixon declared October “Country Music Month.” Wes Duncan, a prize-winning performing artist, will share his talent as he and friends entertain and give us a brief history of country music.

We promise an electrifying experience you won't want to miss!

Presenter: Wes Duncan

Coordinator: Mentha Bolton-Bakari, 414-736-4555
Co-coordinator: Scott Sellner, 573-291-5226



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BUILDING COMMUNITY BRIDGES (BCB) PRESENTATION AND TOUR

Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m.
Date: Monday, October 11
Place: TBA

The vision of this nonprofit organization is to “Change the direction of our community youth and divert them from paths of poverty, substance use, and criminal activity,” and to break down barriers of future poverty by choosing healthy lifestyles and becoming productive citizens.

To facilitate BCB’s mission, multiple educational departments host a variety of different services. Some of the departments include hair styling, cooking, drama, modeling, fashion, photography, dance, and boxing. Tutoring for financial literacy classes are a part of the program, as well.

Come to learn and uplift yourself about BCB and its mission in Jefferson City. Dedication, hard work, and patience are made visible here.

Presenter: Alicia Edwards, Director of Operations

Class Size Limit: 40

Coordinators: Becky Buchholz, 690-6579
Janice Orr, 291-7628

OVERLOOKED TREASURES: DUCK DECOYS OF MISSOURI

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Date: Tuesday, October 12
Place: TBA

Dr. Greg Renner raised ducks in his youth and has always been fascinated by them. He has also had a life-long interest in antiques and their history. He began collecting old duck decoys, which has led him to study the various historical methods of making decoys and the types of decoys made throughout Missouri and beyond over the last century and more. Jefferson City alone had three wooden decoy factories from 1921-1945 with a history that goes back even further.

He will share the varied and fascinating history of decoy-making within the state of Missouri with special focus on decoy-making in Jefferson City, a truly overlooked treasure, now gone and forgotten!

Presenter: Dr. Greg Renner

Coordinators: Carol Ellinger, 893-2331
Lai Lin Wilson, 690-7874
Chris Straub, 636-7195



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (DAY OF THE DEAD)

Time: 10 a.m. to noon
Date: Friday, October 29
Place: TBA

The Hispanic population is increasing in Jefferson City with many diverse and exciting celebrations. *Dia de Los Muertos* is a Mexican celebration of honoring their ancestors.

Many different countries celebrate other events that are unique to that country. Come, join us in this Mexican celebration.

Presenter: Cristhia Castro

Coordinator: Mentha Bakari, 414-736-4555
Co-coordinator: Scott Sellner, 573-291-5226

CAPITAL CONVICTS: TRIUMPH AND SHAME

Time: 10:00 a.m. to noon
Date: Tuesday, November 2
Place: TBA

Mark Schreiber, our local historian on the old state prison, will address the progression of industry at MSP (Missouri State Penitentiary) from the prison’s early days. He will also talk about the development of various industries using inmate labor and how the specific industries had an influence on the Capital City. You will hear some well-known names in Jefferson City history such as Houchin, Sullivan, Carson, and Tweedie. These names were the Captains of Jefferson City industry who used convict labor to succeed in their businesses. Join us for Jefferson City history and the state prison!

Presenter: Mark Schreiber, author of two books on Missouri corrections.

Class Size Limit: 45

Coordinators: Karen Sander, 680-9045
Bill Gerling, 573-220-4319

Courses through November

NUCLEAR AND ASTRO PHYSICS MADE EASY

You, too, can understand the world around you!

Time: 10:00 a.m. to noon
Date: Tuesday, November 9
Place: TBA

Old concepts of physics such as relativity, quantum mechanics, and nuclear power will be discussed. Explanations of recent discoveries in the world of physics and astronomy will be offered, such as the Higgs boson, black holes, pulsars, gravitational waves, dark matter, and dark energy.

As time permits, a discussion will follow of the search for exoplanets, extra-terrestrial intelligence, and the proposal to send a probe to a nearby star. This class will use no math. There will NOT be a test! Any other topic in physics will also be fair game for the question period, called "Stump the Prof."

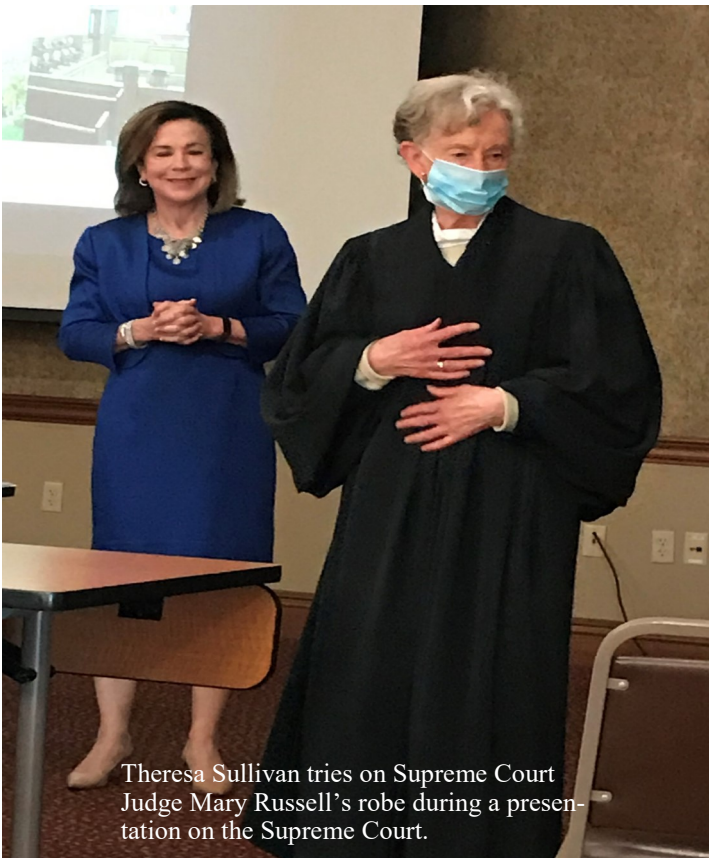
Presenter: Chuck Lahmeyer
Coordinator: Jenny Smith, 573-230-8245

Senior Citizen Program at Lincoln University

The Senior Citizen Program at Lincoln University allows people 65 and older to take classes for \$25 per semester — audit only — after regular registration. Participants must be admitted to the university and pay an initial one-time \$20 application fee.

Interested individuals should contact the Division of Educational Innovation and Extended Studies at 573-681-5206.

THIS IS LIR!



Theresa Sullivan tries on Supreme Court Judge Mary Russell's robe during a presentation on the Supreme Court.



Carol Davidson (center) explains a painting at the Bolton House south of Jefferson City to LIR Writers Club members Barbara Reading and Mentha Bolton-Bakari. The group held their May meeting there.

CLUB NEWS



Lela Bunch rolls the Bocce ball as Learning in Retirement team members Debbie Cramer (left) and Donna Toler watch. The LIR team plays at Prison Brews from April through June and September through November.

The LIR Clubs have been re-opening. If you are interested in the status of your club, please contact the club facilitator listed. There have been the following changes in two clubs:

- * Afternoon Bocce Ball will be facilitated by Lori Brooks, beginning in September.
- * At present, the Dominoes Club is suspended until a new facilitator is found. If you are interested in being the facilitator, please contact Barb Barnard at 896-9485 or sunfairebarb@gmail.com.
- * Some members have expressed an interest in playing the Hand & Foot card game. If you are interested in playing, please contact Barb Barnard or the LIR office.



Jeannine Farmer (right) talks with LIR Book Club guest and local author, Darla Noble, about the books she has written and the information she has on display.



Doris Stout, Marilyn Bacon, and Nancy Ottinger wait for the beginning of a recent Learning in Retirement class.

CLUBS

Bocce Ball: Mondays, Sept-Nov & April-June:
Morning Session at 9:00 a.m.

Facilitator: Barb Wolkoff 636-3088 or
bnwolkoff@mediacommbb.net

Afternoon Session at 12:15 p.m.

Facilitator: Lorraine Brooks 636-6829 or
loribrooks100@gmail.com

Location: Prison Brews, Ash St.

Book Club: 4th Monday, 1:30-3 p.m.

Facilitator: Barb Maxwell 619-5921 or
barbmax44@yahoo.com

Location: LIR Classroom 8

Bridge Club I: 2nd Monday, 1 p.m.

Facilitator: Helen Wilken 635-0584 or
hwilken01@gmail.com

Location: LIR Classroom 8

Bridge Club II: 1st Monday, 1 p.m.

Facilitator: Sue Goedde 619-4376 or
joe.suegoedde@gmail.com

Location: LIR Classroom 8

Canasta: 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m.–Noon

Facilitator: Barb Barnard 896-9485 or
sunfairebarb@gmail.com

Location: LIR Classroom 8

Dominoes: 1st & 3rd Monday, 10 a.m.–Noon – **SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Location: LIR Classroom 8

Jammers: 1st & 3rd Monday, 10:00 a.m.–Noon

Facilitators: Barb Odneal 634-2306, tabar@mediacommbb.net
& Jenny Smith 230-8245 or tpsmithster@centurylink.net

Location: St. Joseph Chapel

Pinochle: 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Facilitator: Janet Struempf 619-3803

Location: LIR Classroom 8

Pitch: 1st and 3rd Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.

Facilitator: Denise Kliethermes 395-4662
kliethermes@embarqmail.com

Location: LIR Classroom 8

Scrabble: 1st Thursday, 1-3 p.m.

Facilitator: Theresa Sullivan 635-6404 or
sullitherm1@embarqmail.com

Location: LIR Classroom 8

Sketchers: 4th Tuesday, 10 a.m.

Facilitator: Rita Schaefer 690-0922 or schaebc5@gmail.com

Location: LIR Classroom 8

Thread Heads: 1st Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Facilitator: Julie Cook 634-2665 or cook.julieret@yahoo.com

Location: LIR Classroom 8

Walking/Hiking: Thurs., 8:30 a.m. Summer, 9:30 a.m. Winter

Facilitators: John & Ellen Richardson 893-4909 or
johnellen@mchsi.com

Location: Varies

Writers: 2nd Thursday, 10 a.m.–Noon

Facilitator: Barbara Reading 690-2273 or breading@mchsi.com

Location: LIR Classroom 8

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EDUCATION.....Short courses planned for LIR members' interests
TRAVEL.....Educational trips with old and new friends
CLUBS.....Book, Bridge, Dominoes, Bocce Ball, Music, Scrabble, Canasta, Pinochle,
Hiking/Walking & more
GATHERINGS.....Membership Meetings twice annually, Holiday Social
COMMUNICATION.....Semi-annual newsletter, LIR website, periodic emails,
Spring & Fall Newsletter Updates
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